(a) whether Environmental clearance has been obtained for the location of Uranium Corporation of India Ltd. in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether there is a controversy over the location of the Uranium Corporation of India Ltd. (UCIL) in Nalgonda district of Andhra Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the reasons for people agitating on dangers of the proposed Uranium project; and

(e) by when the project would be functional?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) As part of the process of obtaining Environmental clearance, Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) have been prepared for the project. These have been discussed in "Public Hearings" held in Nalgonda District, during August 2003. Various perceptions and view points were placed by the people during the hearings.

(e) The project would commence only after obtaining all requisite statutory clearances including Environmental clearance.

National Policy for Voluntary Organisations

†*44. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to formulate a National policy for voluntary organisations so that these organisations become self-dependent and improve their economy condition by donation and other means;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the policy in this regard is likely to be announced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (c) The Government has decided to formulate a National Policy for Voluntary Sector to strengthen

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

voluntary action in diverse fields of socio-economic and cultural development. A draft policy has been prepared and circulated to the members of the Joint Machinery for Government and Voluntary Sector Collaboration.

BPL Scheme in Delhi

*45. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of families below poverty line identified so far, State-wise;

(b) whether Delhi Government has requested the Centre to lift the restrictions on enrolment of people under BPL Scheme in Delhi as it has large number of slum clusters and unauthorized colonies consisting of about 60 to 70 per cent of people;

(c) whether Delhi Government has also requested to enhance the annual limit from Rs. 24,200 to 50,000 for getting benefit under BPL Scheme; and

(d) if so, the decision taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) The number of BPL families as per the poverty estimates of the Planning Commission for the year 1993-94 and the number of families identified by the various States/ Union Territories is given in the enclosed statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) As far as increasing the number of BPL families in the NCT of Delhi is concerned, the number of BPL families in the country is determined on the Poverty Estimates (1993-94) of the Expert Group of the Planning Commission on the basis of population projections of the Registrar General of India (01-03-2000). This criteria is being followed uniformly in respect of all States without any exception. Similarly if the increase in income limit is extended to NCT of Delhi, the same will have to be extended to other States as well. However, if a State wants to support additional BPL families, it may do so out of its own resources.